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OUTFLANK MINSK AS SLUTSK FALLS



School's Out: Students of PS 64 on E. Ninth St. look glum and dispirited as they leave their classrooms for the last time until next September. Depressed by the prospect of a long vacation with no homework, their thoughts turn to the dismal prospect of trips to the beach, baseball and curbstone lounging. (Ed. Note: We shall publish a picture when the kids return to school in the fall. Look for the happy, gay spirits then.)

Red Army Captures 500 More Towns

LONDON, June 30 (UP).—Soviet troops have outflanked Minsk, capital of White Russia, by the capture of Slutsk, 60 miles to the south on the eighth day of the Red Army's summer offensive in White Russia which Moscow announced today had cost Adolf Hitler 184,230 men killed or captured.

A new offensive along the middle course of the Pripyat in the direction of Pinsk also was launched as Soviet troops captured Petrikov, 33 miles west of Mozyr, and Kopatkevichi, 19 miles northeast of Petrikov. At Petrikov, Soviet troops were within 102 miles of Pinsk.

As Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian Army seized Slutsk, the city of Minsk, gateway to Warsaw and Berlin, also was being outflanked from the north by Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's 3rd White Russian Army.

BEYOND BORISOV

Cherniakhovsky's Army forced the famous Berezina River north of Borisov and drove 19 miles beyond it, in an advance that would put his forces about 28 miles north northeast of Minsk.

South of Borisov, Soviet troops also reached the Berezina, and captured more than 150 towns and settlements.

Together, more than 500 towns and settlements were seized today as the Red Army flood swept forward, leaving thousands of German dead behind or forcing the Nazis to surrender in huge groups.

The Soviet Information Bureau revealed today that Marshal Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian Army had wiped out five German infantry divisions at Bobruisk, killed 50,000 Germans and seized 23,680 others in the first seven days of the Red Army's offensive.

Col. Gen. Matvei Zakharov's 2nd White Russian Army, pursuing the Germans across the Drut River today for a frontal drive on Minsk, killed 30,000 and captured 3,250 between June 23 and 29.

Yesterday it was announced that Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's 1st Baltic Army and Gen. Cherniakhovsky's 3d White Russian Army had killed or captured 77,300 Germans, from June 23 to 27.

BALTIC ARMY GAINS

Gen. Bagramian's Baltic Army, driving toward the Baltic states, seized the district center of the Disna area, Vileika, and also the rail station of Zagaye, 18 miles south.

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U. S. Breaks With Helsinki; 'Willing Nazi Puppet'--Hull

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP).—With a solemn warning that Finland must now take the consequences of her military partnership with Hitler, the United States today formally severed relations with Helsinki.

The Treasury Department immediately declared Finland "enemy territory" subject to terms of the trading-with-the-enemy act and impounded \$17,000,000 in Finnish assets which previously had been frozen.

The long-expected break, which could eventuate in a declaration of war, was revealed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull in a sharp note transmitted through Finnish Charge d'Affaires Alexander Thesleff, who took over here after the recent expulsion of Minister Hjalmar Procope and three of his counselors for "activities inimical to the United States."

IN HITLER'S MAW

Hull said that the United States is fully aware that Finland has now become a willing puppet of Nazi Germany and that, accordingly, further relations were impossible.

He called attention to an announcement by the Helsinki government, dated June 27, that Germany and Finland had "joined in the comradeship of arms" to carry on the war against the Soviet Union, and said:

"The Finnish government has thus formally admitted to the world that it has now entered a hard and fast partnership with Nazi Germany irrevocable throughout the war, for the purpose of fighting the Allies of the United States, in alliance with the enemies of the United States. This action was taken without recourse to the established diplomatic procedure of Finland, and responsibility for the consequences must rest solely on the Finnish government."

"The American government is not unaware of the fact that the infiltration of German troops into Finland with the consent of the Finnish government have deprived Finland of liberty of action and reduced the government to the condition of a puppet of Nazi Germany."

"This necessarily changes the status of the Finnish government. The United States, up to the present, has taken every opportunity to warn the Finnish government of the inevitable consequences of continuing its association with Germany. These warnings have been ignored and the partnership is now complete."

"The United States must take into account the fact that at this decisive stage in the combined (military) operations of the United States and other nations, the Finnish

operations have a direct bearing on the success of the Allied effort. Notwithstanding the esteem in which the American people have held the people of Finland, further relations are now impossible."

ENVOYS TO LEAVE

The American charge d'affaires at Helsinki, Edmund A. Gullion, was instructed to ask for passports for himself and the five members of his staff and their families, and Thesleff, who had been called to Hull's office to receive the note, was handed his.

Interpretation, Please

'Times' Finds Break So Very, Very Hard...

By Joseph Starobin —

The break in relations with Finland at last ends an untenable situation in which a country made war on the enemy's side and yet maintained contact with us. The N. Y. Times has been left at the altar, weeping copious tears, and still maintaining that good treatment for Finland must be the "test of the peace."

The Social-Democratic New Leader, trying to save face, pretends that the Social-Democratic Party in Finland has left the Ryt-Linnikomies government. But alas, the facts are otherwise. Yesterday's dispatches say that the Finnish Social Democrats are sticking with the German alliance to the end, a fitting commentary on their whole miserable role.

HOLDING THE BAG

And William Henry Chamberlin, who is both a Times and New Leader writer and the perfect link between them, was left with his article in this month's American Mercury, in which he claimed that Finland has no alliance with Germany, and could not possibly have one. Alas, alack, Hull's statement is a slap in his face, too.

ACTION OVERDUE

The truth is that our government's action was long-delayed. But what does it mean, at this late date, for the Times to insist that Finland remains a "test of the

future peace?" Certainly none of the United Nations intend to enslave Finland, which is precisely what her rulers are now doing.

It can only mean that the Times is trying unilaterally to nullify the implications of our government's action. Washington breaks off relations, but the Times assures Helsinki that no matter what happens, no matter how many Russians, Englishmen, Americans are killed by Finnish bullets, the Times will be there at the peace table begging special treatment for Finland.

THE LOGIC OF CONFUSION

Is the Times prepared to make the same suggestion for all of Germany's other allies—Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria—and promise them also absolution in the end?

Is the Times prepared to follow its own logic and give the same high-sign to the rulers of Germany, perhaps?

If not, if it is time to cut out the nonsense, and stop confusing the American people on basic matters on the very climax of the war.



French civilians rebuilding their homes after American troops liberated Cherbourg. There are many houses, like the one above, throughout the port city and the owners face the task now of making them livable again. Workers are shown clearing out the ruined structure.

NAACP Condemns GOP Poltax Plank

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, largest Negro organization in America, yesterday attacked the Republican platform plank dealing with the Negro.

The NAACP accepted at face value, and approved, the section pledging permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, but found serious fault with the anti-lynch bill pledge and "most objectionable" the proposal to eliminate the poltax through constitutional amendment.

Actually, the Republican pledge for a permanent FEPC is widely considered a piece of unprincipled angling for the Negro vote in view of the support given by Republican congressmen to various measures to kill the current FEPC and in view of Gov. Dewey's action on the issue in New York. The presidential nominee sidetracked a proposal for a permanent state FEPC made by his own committee on discrimination in the recent session of the Legislature.

On anti-lynch legislation, Walter White, NAACP secretary, pointed out that the GOP does not say whether it should be federal, state or municipal. Moreover, he insisted, any such proposal is futile unless cloture against a filibuster is also pledged.

The constitutional proposal for eliminating the poltax, White claimed, will not delude foes of the poltax, especially Negroes. He showed that such amendment would be virtually impossible of passage and "every school child" knows it.

Cut Melon Ceilings

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP).—The OPA today established cents-per-pound retail ceilings on sweet peppers, hothouse cucumbers and all melons except watermelons effective July 5.

FDR Signs Price Act, Hits Change

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP).—President Roosevelt signed the Price Control Extension act today continuing for one year the administration's anti-inflation program, but expressed "fear" that changes made in the law by Congress would "weaken and obstruct the effective enforcement of the law."

Mr. Roosevelt in approving the measure took issue with only one portion of it—action by Congress to relax penalties against non-wilful violators of the price control law.

"I know that the Congress in relaxing the penalties against non-wilful violations was anxious to protect only those acting in good faith and not those who do not wish to know what the law requires of them," Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement.

"But I fear that the changes made will weaken and obstruct the effective enforcement of the law. I hope that experience may not justify my fear."

Should it develop that government enforcement agents encounter difficulty in prosecuting "chiselers and black market operators," the President said he would ask Congress to correct this condition.

U. S. Losses on Saipan—9,752

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 30 (UP).—American marines and infantrymen have lost 9,752 men in killed, wounded and missing in 14 days of a fight to the death against the savagely resisting Japanese on Saipan Island. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today, but they have buried 4,951 Japanese dead and enemy troops have taken back with them many more dead and wounded.

Fighting through sugarcane fields and rugged mountains, the marines and infantrymen have made new gains in the center and on the right or eastern flank, Nimitz reported today, advancing against steadily intensifying enemy resistance.

High ground has been occupied near Charan Danchii and the Americans are now in a commanding position over the remaining area of the island held by the enemy, Nimitz said.

Believe Nazi Sub Sank Ship in Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, June 30 (UP).—Twenty merchant seamen and four U. S. Navy gunners were lost when a small Panamanian merchantman was blown to pieces by an underwater explosion in the Caribbean on a Sunday afternoon early in June.

Although the Navy at Washington listed the explosion as being of an "undetermined nature," some of the survivors believed the vessel was sunk by an Axis submarine.

Dewey Pulls New Hoax Out of GOP Bag, Blames FDR for Disunity

CHICAGO, June 30.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey indicated yesterday that he intends to continue using his old trick of attributing the chief faults of the Republican Party to his political opponents.

With the nation rent by the bitter GOP attacks upon President Roosevelt for the past eight years and more, the GOP presidential designee had the gall to tell the Republican National Committee that it was the President who has been dividing the country.

The Governor was evidently apprehensive about his support from win-the-war Republicans because he added that he was "sure" that the "propaganda agents of the national government" would not "succeed in dividing our party."

Herbert Brownell, Jr., New York lawyer who managed Dewey's campaigns for district attorney and for governor both in 1938 and 1942, was elected unanimously to lead Harrison E. Spangler as national chairman. He will manage Dewey's presidential campaign.



A Lane in Normandy:
a Nazi position southeast of Tilly.

Mingled with the fragrance of summer blossoms in this sunken lane in Normandy is the smell of gunfire as British Tommies pour death into

Lange Urges Rapid Unity Among Poles

The time is growing very short for any understanding between such democrats as there are in the Polish government-in-exile and the Polish National Council inside of Poland, said Dr. Oscar Lange yesterday at a luncheon tendered him by the N. Y. State Industrial Union Council.

Dr. Lange, noted Polish Socialist, now an American citizen, who visited the Soviet Union in May, gave some 40 prominent CIO leaders at the Hotel Pennsylvania a picture of the Polish army in the USSR, and his view of Polish postwar perspectives.

The luncheon was chaired by Louis Hollander, state CIO president, who contrasted Dr. Lange's eyewitness knowledge of Poland with Herbert Hoover's attempt to exploit the Polish issue against the President and the United Nations.

URGES BREAK

Lange expressed the hope that such men as the Polish Premier, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, the Peasant Party leader, would make a break with the reactionary clique in London and reach an agreement with the underground leaders. That would permit the formation of an all-inclusive democratic government by the time the Red Army arrives on Polish soil, Lange declared.

"But the Red Army can't wait," said Lange, "and the time is growing short."

Lange said his own interview with Mikolajczyk, as the latter was returning to London after his recent visit to the White House, was very brief. The Polish Socialist leader expressed the hope that the better elements in London would act quickly, but declined to elaborate on whether he really expected them to do so.

The Soviet government, the University of Chicago professor continued, certainly does not want any Russian military administration of Poland, and will have to deal with a Polish authority, bound to arise as soon as ethnographic Poland is liberated.

Lange said his conversations with leaders of the Union of Polish Patriots in Moscow and generals of the four Polish divisions now formed on Soviet soil convinced him that they were ready to create an all-inclusive authority as quickly as possible, and gain recognition with the USSR, Great Britain and the United States simultaneously.

SOVIET VIEWS

The short, stocky, bespectacled Polish leader, in the course of an hour's discussion with the CIO

leaders, emphasized his conviction that the USSR really desires an independent and strong Poland.

He gave as proof the fact that the USSR is committed to the equipment of a great Polish army, expanding from its present figure of 80,000 to about a million men.

Stalin would not equip such an army and help it fight the Germans unless he really meant what he said, Dr. Lange declared.

Describing discussions with almost 2,000 Polish rank and file soldiers, Lange drew a picture of a democratic republic in postwar Poland, based on agrarian reforms but not collectivization, on the nationalization of big industry but full freedom for small and medium business.

Socialist, Peasant Party leaders, Communists, Roman Catholic clergymen and professional army men like Gen. Sigmund Berling, are united on this view, Lange declared.

Marshal Rokossovsky Has More Victories Than Stars

MOSCOW, June 30 (UP)—Konstantin K. Rokossovsky, commander of the 1st White Russian Army, was elevated to his new rank of Marshal of the Soviet Union for his planning and execution of the greatest offensive ever launched on the Eastern Front.

The promotion, announced yesterday, came as no surprise to Rokossovsky's admirers, who have considered him the greatest offensive-defensive commander in the Red Army ever since the battle of Moscow in 1941.

On the second day of the present White Russian offensive, observers recognized the Rokossovsky stamp of brilliant strategy which battered the enemy's lines and collapsed all German positions between the Dnepr and the approaches to Minsk. Although Rokossovsky commanded the left wing of the front, it was apparent that his leadership was spark-plugging the four Soviet ar-

Minsk Flanked As Slutsk Falls

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west of Polotsk. As Minsk was outflanked from the south, Soviet troops pushed 13 miles along the Bobruisk-Minsk highway to Talka, 49 miles southeast of Minsk and the nearest approach to the capital in that sector.

Moscow dispatches said that Gen. Rokossovsky, advancing to within 60 miles of Barsnovichi, on the Minsk-Warsaw railroad, the Nazis' main lifeline in the east, by the capture of Slutsk, had thrown cavalry into the pursuit of the Germans retreating in disorder.

Soviet armies, that have advanced more than 120 miles in the first seven days of the summer offensive, were moving as rapidly as supplies could be brought up with the aid of fleets of American trucks.

The Soviet High Command reported the Germans were fleeing so rapidly and in such disorder that they had no time to man their intermediate defense lines. Groups of hundreds of Germans, engulfed by the Soviet advance, surrendered with all their arms and baggage.

(A London broadcast recorded by CBS said two more German generals, the commanders of the 53d Army Corps and the 306th Infantry Division, had surrendered.)

miles involved.

Rokossovsky, 45, was a young lieutenant in the Czarist army. He went to Siberia in 1937 and stayed there until brought back to Moscow with the rank of major general as the Germans approached the capital. He directed the flank attack at Mozhaisk, which stopped the Germans and removed the immediate threat to Moscow.

During the offensive phase at Stalingrad, Rokossovsky, with Gen. Andrei Yeremenko, closed the trap which liquidated the German Sixth Army of Field Marshal Gen. Friedrich von Paulus. Later he moved his army across the Ukraine into the Kursk bulge, where he organized his defense and waited for the Germans to launch their highly touted summer offensive designed to knock the Red Army out of the war. The attack materialized July 6, 1943. After absorbing the strongest Panzer thrusts, Rokossovsky went over to the offensive Aug. 7 and smashed the enemy's position along the Orel-

Belgorod-Kursk front.

The new Marshal's strategic victory there was the signal for the great Soviet advance to the Dnepr, which the Red Army crossed in its continued drive into the western Ukraine. Rokossovsky was transferred to the 1st White Russian front shortly before Kiev fell.

Rokossovsky built up his command and made thorough preparations for the offensive against what has always been considered the strongest German entrenchment in Soviet territory. He began improving the Soviet position last autumn with the capture of Gomel, Kalinovichi and Mozyr, a triple communications center on the southern end of the White Russian front, which gave him lateral communications with Soviet armies in the Ukraine.

He then cleared the northern edge of the Pripet marshes and began to build up his positions against the Vitebsk-Oscha-Mogilev-Zhlobin line.

Nazi Escape Gap at Caen Under Fire

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, Saturday, July 1 (UP).—The greatest armored clash of the invasion was reported developing southwest of Caen today as both the Allies and Germans poured big tanks and self-propelled guns into the narrow battle zone and British infantry drove to the suburbs of the prize port.

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London June 30 (UP).—British troops attacking in a blinding thunderstorm have driven to the outer suburbs of Caen and narrowed to ten miles the German escape corridor leading south from the prize port which already was under shellfire, front dispatches reported tonight.

Stalin Congratulates FDR on Cherbourg

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP).—President Roosevelt received congratulations from Premier Stalin today for the "brilliant" liberation of the Normandy port of Cherbourg.

Mr. Roosevelt received similar messages from Stalin following the capture of Rome and the opening of the western European front in France.

The British Tommies, many of whom have been pursuing the Nazis since El Alamein, broke the backbone of a German counterattack Thursday night and then charged forward to seize a strategic height near the village of Bretteville-sur-Odon, 2½ miles southwest of Caen in the suburbs of France's seventh port. That advance placed the British within about ten miles of other British units holding the line in the area east of Caen.

The British and Canadians were on the attack along a 21-mile arc flung around Caen from the north to south and our guns were hammering the city and the escape corridor at ranges of three to five miles. Headquarters announced that southwest of Caen the Allies had lengthened their bridgehead over the Odon River to 4,500 yards, despite incessant counterattacks by elements of five Nazi armored divisions.

Yanks 20 Mi. Nearer Leghorn

ROME, June 30 (UP).—Allied troops, smashing forward for gains of up to nine miles along a 100-mile front across western Italy, drove to within 20 airline miles of the great port of Leghorn today and inland menaced Siena on the Rome-Florence road and captured Castiglione del Lago, western anchor of the German defense line around Lake Trasimeno.

Americans and French under Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, and British Imperial and Allied units under Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver Leese all joined in the general advance. In the western sector, where the Americans captured a dozen towns and villages in the latest stages of an advance which carried them 30 miles

YANKS ADVANCE AT ST. LO
Official dispatches received here said that east of St. Lo, American troops had advanced 400 yards southward at some points in actions designed to straighten their lines and also had probed southwest from the Carentan area at the bottom of the Cherbourg Peninsula.

In the Cherbourg area the Americans were meeting heavy opposition from Nazi artillery as they pressed against the last Nazis in the Cap de la Hague sector. Headquarters announced that four forts in Cherbourg harbor had surrendered and that the great bulk of the repair work in the great port was being made by U. S. Navy salvage crews, directed by Commodore William A. Sullivan, who planned the restoration of the liner Normandie.

West of Caen, the British were reported within half a mile of the Caen-Carpiquet airfield, 4½ miles from the heart of the port city. Capture of that field would give the Allies their first major airdrome on the eastern side of the beachhead.

North of Caen the British occupied six villages including Cairon, 4½ miles northwest of the port, Cambes, three miles north, and Rots 4½ miles west-northwest.

RAID ENEMY LINES

On the northeastern flank of the Caen front British airborne units, aided by Canadian forces, were disclosed to have raided the enemy lines at a point ½ mile northeast of Breville, 6½ miles northeast of Caen.

It is now possible to disclose that advanced elements of the British spearhead between the Odon and Orne rivers at one time were cut off from the rear by German counter-blows from the sides. The Germans had made a temporary inroad into the thumb-shaped salient Thursday but later were driven off. Headquarters disclosed that at the southern end of the British salient the village of Esquay, seven miles southwest of Caen, was in enemy hands at last reports.

Pegler Gives Signal for GOP 'Reichstag Fire' Strike Incitement

By GEORGE MORRIS

Thursday's column by Westbrook Pegler was a clear-cut giveaway of a plan of provocation by Republican strategists to throw the country into economic chaos and storm through the election campaign in Hitler-like Reichstag fire fashion.

Pegler served notice to the disruptive mobsters throughout the land that it is time to get started with strikes again, and that tieups of key establishments like ball-bearing plants, would be most appreciative.

The column of the foremost defeatist propagandist, going to papers with millions of readers, is giving directives to disruptive elements throughout the country. Pegler is leading off in the drive to give practical effect to the Republican Party's "labor" plank, which calls for abolition of wartime controls.

From his usual sniping and denunciation, Pegler has now passed over to actual directives and appeals to his readers for an insurrectionary movement against the government to break down those controls.

In his column of June 15, an elucidation of an editorial in John L. Lewis' Mine Journal, on the manpower

order, Pegler called upon his readers "to tell McNutt and the unions and the USES (United States Employment Service) to go to Hell," and come out in a "sit-down strike against the Government."

It all adds up to a policy of utilizing the election campaign to disrupt, through strikes, the war effort and the national unity behind it. It amounts to a broadcast to Hitler to fight harder than ever, to hold out at least until next January.

In line with the well-known Hitler pattern, the Republicans, Pegler illustrates, plan to overwhelm the public with publicity blaming some one else for their crimes. Hitler, to pave the way for seizure of power set fire to the Reichstag building and released a whirlwind of publicity blaming the Communists. By the time the public learned of the great hoax, Hitler was firmly in the saddle.

The big swindle that the McCormick-Pegler brand of Republicans are planning is the story that "Communists are pulling the very strikes that they are inspiring."

Pegler wrote his column, datelined June 28, at the very moment that 9,000 workers of Timken ball-bearing plants at Canton, Ohio, were coming out on strike.

LOOKS TO BRICKER

He wrote:

"Governor Bricker undoubtedly will sound off on the plan of the Communists in Mr. Roosevelt's following to whipsaw the returned American fighting men by little strikes in key plants. The plan is being talked up in Ohio now. The Communists are sneering at 'patriotic foolishness' in the crisis of war and looking to a day when they will have free right to call strikes for revolutionary purposes."

This section of the column, reproduced elsewhere on this page, goes on to say that the Communists "have adopted General Spaatz's idea, revealed when the American bombers smashed the ball-bearing plants in Germany and strangled their production of planes, submarines and all land vehicles which can move without bearings."

Pegler then goes on to expand this "Communist" plan into a post-war tieup, economic chaos with returning veterans unable to get work or build homes and "the revolution will be here."

COMMUNIST LINE

There may be some people in the country who are so uninformed as to believe such nonsense and don't know that the Communists are A-1—second to none—in observance of the wartime no-strike pledge. Pegler, apparently, believes such people are many for they are the principal object of his poison and lies.

The real meaning of Pegler's column is the plain fact that it has become the avenue through which his backers tell their own people what to do. They know well that big general strikes, such as Lewis

investigate that strike and get to the



PEGLER

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1944

Fair Enough

The CIO will be effectively and probably formally abandoned by the Roosevelt party as a Communist political auxiliary. The Republicans don't want the CIO. It has had more place in this convention than the Democratic party, because it is a second-class party. The American Federation of Labor, on the other hand, has been praising Mr. Dewey with faint damps and is growing, if not more affectionate, than, and more honest.

The AFL, however, is a paper Mr. Roosevelt will support the CIO is not merely a

rival, but a deadly enemy of the AFL.

Gov. Bricker undoubtedly will sound off on the plan of the Communists in Mr. Roosevelt's following to whipsaw the returned American fighting men by little strikes in key plants.

General Spaatz's idea, revealed when the American bombers smashed the ball-bearing plants in Germany and strangled their production of planes, submarines and all land vehicles which can move without bearings.

If the Communists carry out their plan to strike the ball-bearing plants, the mobilized masses will then have no use for steel and glass industries, too, because the automobile plants will then have no use for steel or glass.

Under such conditions the returned veterans won't be able to get jobs or buy new cars or make homes, and the revolution will be here under the auspices of Mr. Roosevelt's Communists.

Mr. Bricker, Governor of Ohio, a heavy-industry state, will then be able to reveal the plan more fully, by way of proving to the Americans in the union movement that the preventive is legal regulations of unions.

GOP Directives Go Through Pegler: His June 29 column is instruction for strike pro-vocation and a help Hitler campaign with a promise that all the publicity at Republican command will be geared to blame Communists. His June 15 column is call for "a sit-down strike against the government" and for millions to tell it to "go to hell." The excerpt from the Republican platform's "labor plank" indicates the general line of encouraging a drive to break down all wartime controls and exploit dissatisfaction among workers for partisan purposes.

bottom of it because influential fascist forces within the Republican Party are staking the outcome of the election and the peace upon spreading such strikes.

The United Steelworkers of America should certainly investigate all the circumstances around this walkout to expose the real provocateurs.

Undoubtedly there are some innocent people involved in the walkout. The investigation is all the more urgent to put the blame on the real criminals who exploit dissatisfaction among workers and resentment against the company. In this case, complete disregard by the company of seniority rights, as charged by the workers, served to provoke the situation.

SENIORITY SCHEMING

Pegler's Republicans, apparently, count very much on using the same trick throughout the election. Seniority lists are the basis upon which layoffs and dismissals due to cutbacks, are supposed to take place.

It would be wrong to identify the average Republican with the criminal insurrectionary policy that the people behind Pegler are scheming. Republican voters on the whole, are Americans, with sons at the fighting fronts, as anxious to win the war and win a durable peace as any other Americans.

But the controlling clique in the GOP and the group of powerful employers who back it, hate Roosevelt far more than they hate Hitler. They have placed their greed and selfish interest above the interest of the nation.

It was their exhibition at the GOP convention and the danger that it already indicates, that many people will immediately think of when they read the statement of Generals Marshall, Arnold and Admiral King in warning against complacency.

Our military leaders see the danger of a breakdown of the home-front precisely at a moment when the war is at its supreme and crucial moment.

The hope is that some responsible leaders in the GOP, employers and publishers, will recognize the dangerous trend that is developing in Republican campaign strategy. Pegler is giving expression to a Reichstag Fire strategy that was only too well keyed into the Republican

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1944

Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

URES which controls essential hiring has put him on his blacklist.

If a worker leaving a nonessential job, refuses to take a worker deemed to be essential, especially inferior the work may be to his intelligence and skill, and however inferior the pay to his usual standards, and his unavoidable commitments, he doesn't have to go to jail.

He may be forced to sit down, starve, waste, and break and hungry until necessity breaks him down or enough other men like him get out enough to recruit the unions and the USES, to insist to him that he must go to work.

This is Mc-Nutt's third attempt in two years to impose a civilian labor draft without authority from Congress and in the face of repeated refusals

The only hope for the civilian thus placed by Mc-Nutt's civilian relief is to sit down and go on strike against the government by millions of private citizens so often referred to, and so conveniently, as little people. Because they are "private citizens" means that they are the power of the Roosevelt government and its union auxiliaries. That hope is wan and waning.

from
Republican
party

The long series of Executive Orders and bureaucratic decrees serve a deliberate purpose to subdue for control of the economy and the lives of the people in the interest of a New Deal bureaucracy. Labor would thus remain organized only for the convenience of the New Deal in enforcing its orders and influencing Mc-Nutt's civilian labor and industry.

We condemn the continued creation of administrative boards, ostensibly set up to settle industrial disputes, into instruments for putting into effect the financial and economic interests of the New Deal.

We condemn the freezing of wage rates at arbitrary levels and the binding of men to their jobs as destructive to the welfare of the workers.

We condemn the Executive Order of the last secured by the Republican party to abolish "contract labor" and "peonage." We condemn the gradual but effective creation of a labor aristocracy as but one of the New Deal's steps to implement its program of trickery in the administration.

We condemn the pledge to end to political trickery in the administration.

Labor plank

convention, and echoed throughout

Under the circumstances a provocateur is labor's deadly enemy—whether he is an employer or one who prowls in labor's ranks. There must not be any quarter to provocate of big or "little" strikes. The CIO saw the danger last January when its declared in a unanimous resolution:

CIO PLEDGE

"We declare:

"We will adhere to our pledge not to strike, stop work, slow down or interrupt production in any way.

"We will give no sympathy or support to any union or section of labor which seeks to make exceptions to this pledge, but on the contrary, will do our best to make it known to the people, to the government and to the armed forces that we are not in sympathy or support of such enemies of the nation."

News Capsules

Bonds of Matrimony

At Buffalo, N. Y., City Judge Michael E. Zimmer introduced some of the wisdom of a Solomon in settling a charge of stealing which Mrs. Rose Wroblewski brought against her husband. She said he went through her slacks and extracted \$100. The judge noted that it had been the custom of a wife to dip her hands into her husband's pockets and to rule such a practice as larceny would—he pondered—strain the marriage relationship.

An American institution—the five cent cup of coffee was due to make a comeback with OPA's order to restaurants to rollback their price on this item. Eating places which increased the charge from five cents to 10 cents between Oct. 4, 1942, and April 4, 1943, are affected.

Kids at PS 3, Brooklyn, honored Paul Robeson, who attended their final assembly at which a mural depicting leaders of the Negro race was dedicated. Thomas Lloyd, 8B student, painted the mural.

At Groesbeck, Texas, a garage

repair man, Joe Lee, did his fastest job when he was called on to repair several leaks in an iron lung. Troy Lewis, 18, paralysis victim, was happy to get back into the lung after two hours and 37 minutes.

Louis Santino, 17, of the Bronx was badly injured when a Rolls-Royce sedan driven by John Jacob Astor struck him on Amsterdam Ave. and 138 St. Thursday night. His condition is fair. Astor, questioned at police headquarters, stated a trolley car obstructed his view.

The curtain was drawn in the case of the leaking chlorine gas which felled 423 persons in Brooklyn recently with the payment of fines in Municipal Term Court. Lester J. Denner, alleged owner of the truck, was fined \$500 and the driver, John Gollivar, \$250 for transporting the liquified chlorine gas without a permit.

The National Safety Council announced that traffic deaths totaled 9,400 in the first five months of 1944—1,000 more than last year for the same period.

\$35,000 Bail For Hod Carrier Case Witness

WHITE PLAINS, June 30.—Miss Mathilda Berardo, secretary to James Bove, international vice-president of the AFL Hod Carriers, Building & Common Laborers International, was free under \$35,000 bail today as a grand jury continued to sift the muddled financial operations of the union's Local 60.

District Attorney Elbert G. Gallagher, who asserts that union records indicate \$250,000 has been stolen from the local treasury which Bove heads, insisted on the high bail to insure Miss Berardo's availability as a material witness.

Gallagher's statements to the grand jury indicate that Local 60's situation fits into the pattern of the Hod Carriers already fought out in the courts in New York Local 147, Newburgh, N. Y., Local 17, and Washington, Local 74.

Both Bove and Joseph V. Moreschi, international president, were named directly in court decisions in connection with the Newburgh scandal, and both are now under indictment. Bove was indicted in New York County over a year ago charged with \$703,000 in extortion from contractors on the Delaware water project. Moreschi was indicted by a federal grand jury in Washington in connection with larceny that prosecutors say approaches half a million dollars.

More than a ton of union records has been seized by the district attorney's office through raids on Local 60's Yonkers office, but the cash books of the local are still missing.

The Bove case may have political repercussions. An extraordinary grand jury, named by ex-Gov. Lehman to probe Hod Carriers irregularities, announced last November that it had found evidence warranting investigation in Westchester, but charged that Gov. Dewey sabotaged its work by denying funds and personnel for the task. Later, Drew Pearson, syndicated columnist and radio commentator, charged the Moreschi union made substantial contributions to Dewey's campaign through Westchester GOP leaders.

Mrs. Nickson Named By ALP for Assembly

Mrs. Mildred Wickson, civic leader in the 24th A. D. Kings County, has been nominated by the American Labor party executive board for the office of assembly.

The nomination was tendered by Mrs. Julia Meister, present candidate, who declined in favor of Mrs. Wickson.

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15,000 Shipbuilders' 'Won't Strike' Rally Hits Company Provocations

Cleveland Passes War Bond Quota

CLEVELAND, June 30.—

Cleveland went over the top on the Fifth War Loan drive yesterday. With a one-day record sale of \$130,000,000 in bonds. A congratulatory telegram from the Treasury Department last night confirmed the fact that Cleveland was the first city of 1,000,000 or more to reach its over-all goal. Almost \$271,000,000 in bonds was raised, \$26,000,000 over the quota of \$245,000,000. The tough job of selling series E bonds, however, is only one-third completed.

Urge Hungarian Unity in U. S.

Unity of Hungarian-Americans to speed Hungary's deliverance from the Nazi occupation was urged last week by the Hungarian-American Council for Democracy and the National Council of Hungarian American Trade-Unionists.

In a joint statement, the organizations pointed out that the Hungarian-American Federation is "facing a crucial test." Will its leaders end their "tortuous and divisive games?" they ask.

Asserting that Hungarian Americans can help liberate their homeland by backing America's war effort and giving "whole hearted support to our Commander in Chief," the statement rejects "all efforts to create distrust in our Allies." It opposes "desperate attempts to secure a soft, negotiated peace by division."

"The irresistible armies of the Soviet Union will lay the groundwork for an Eastern Europe where people will live freely together, following their self-chosen way of life and securing for themselves the Four Freedoms so dear to all of us. It is in our interests to speed up this march of history. The life and happiness of millions is at stake. We cannot fail them."

"Capitalists and Communists, priests and atheists, monarchists and republicans are uniting in Hungary because they cherish life and freedom. This is the pattern for us to follow," the statement declares.

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Neighbors Rally For Schappes

More than 500 neighbors and friends of Morris U. Schappes, anti-fascist leader now in jail, called upon Governor and presidential nominee Dewey Thursday night to separate himself from the forces of persecution and reaction by granting Schappes an immediate pardon.

Gathering under banners saying, "We want our neighbor, Morris Schappes, back on the home front," the 500, meeting at Paramount Mansion in Washington Heights, heard labor, civic and church leaders pay tribute to Schappes.

The Rev. William Howard Melish Jr., of the Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, spoke of Schappes as a man who has always forwarded democracy. It is no time for such a man to be in jail, he said stressing the fact that more and more clergymen, believing that social progress helps to achieve religious ideals, are speaking up for Schappes' freedom.

Management non-cooperation on D-Day illustrates the "stiff-necked, shortsighted attitude" unionists are

CAMDEN, N. J., June 30.—Fifteen thousand CIO ship-builders answered management provocations with a huge "we-won't-strike" prework demonstration at 7:30 a.m. today at the gates of the New York Shipbuilding Corp. here.

Management dilly-dallying over renewal of a contract that expired June 15 and a company offensive against conditions already established prompted the demonstration.

The colorful crowd of men and women, Negro and white, carried placards reading:

"We refuse to strike." "We're behind GI Joe" and "The corporation cannot make us strike."

The demonstration, called after the negotiating committee reported that the management had stymied negotiations during 12 meetings, featured reports by Wilfred Moses, president; Thomas Saul, negotiating committee chairman, and other leaders of Local 1, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilders. It wound up with a massive parade into the yards to continue production for victory.

Pointing out that many union demands could be settled amicably with management without recourse to government agencies, Saul denounced the corporation for failure to cooperate.

DEMANDS AT ISSUE

Among demands at issue are these: That the seniority clause be clarified; that shop stewards be given advance lists of contemplated layoffs; that retroactivity on changes and agreements be to June 23; that vacation clauses be clarified and liberalized in minor respects, and that the union executive secretary or assistant have access to the yard for grievance settlements.

For the first time in the local's history, management presented demands to the union. These would worsen conditions and undermine the union's structure and were presented only to hamper negotiations, Saul said.

Management non-cooperation on D-Day illustrates the "stiff-necked, shortsighted attitude" unionists are

meeting. Ben Miatico, executive secretary, asserted. Corporation officials refused a joint labor-management back-the-invasion rally, he said.

No matter what management does, the union will let nothing move it from its no-strike pledge, "not even the provocations of a profit-blinded corporation," Miatico said.

Memorial Day a year ago, Local 1 held a mass demonstration of 30,000 to protest management's curtailment of production to avoid paying overtime. Management changed its policy thereafter.

Fort Greene Hearing Today

A police hearing on the Fort Greene Housing Project disturbance will be held today at the office of the 13 Division, 38 Police Precinct, Tompkins St. and Vernon Ave., Brooklyn. Tenants who were eyewitnesses to the white hoodlum assault on the project two weeks ago have been asked to testify.

A mass meeting for inter-racial unity will be held Wednesday, July 12, under the sponsorship of more than 20 organizations and leaders in the Fort Greene area. The meeting will be held in the project, at P.S. 67, St. Edwards and Auburn Place.

Herbert Brownell Named GOP Chairman

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, Chicago, June 30 (UP).—Forty-year-old Herbert Brownell, Jr., who managed Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's successful 1942 gubernatorial campaign, today was elected chairman of the Republican National Committee.

GOP Vets Plank Omits GI Vote; Hope Nation Forgets Record

By MAX GORDON

Republicans boast in their platform that they endorsed the various measures passed by Congress on behalf of the returning vets.

They are curiously silent, however, on one soldier measure that was the center of national attention for months, the soldier vote.

As far as the action taken by Congress to rehabilitate the vets is concerned, the GOP bloc did generally go along with the proposals made by the Administration. It could scarcely do otherwise.

Many Republicans however, joined Congressman John Rankin of Mississippi in trying to amend the GI bill of rights to cut unemployment insurance, weaken education provi-

sions and increase loan interest rates from 3 per cent to 6 percent. Some of these amendments were passed in the House, chiefly by Republican votes, but were subsequently knocked out in conference between House and Senate.

GOP STATES

There is not much the Republicans can boast about insofar as GOP state administrations are concerned. Gov. Dewey's administration in New York, for instance, with a \$163,000,000 surplus in its treasury, gave the vets 1,200 state scholarships at \$350 a year, or the minimum sum of \$420,000 for veterans aid. This is substantially all the returning soldier has thus far been granted by the state.

CUT GI VOTES

Their deliberate purpose was to prevent the soldiers from casting ballots, and there is no doubt that they succeeded in cutting down the number that will vote.

Gov. Dewey was a key figure in this amazing bold move to deprive the men and women in the armed forces of their elementary democratic rights. He helped to swing many GOP rank-and-file congressmen into line during the battle.

Having insisted on the right of the states to conduct the soldier ballot, Dewey pushed through a soldier vote bill in New York State which will enable only a small proportion to vote of the million eligible.

Labor and other sections of the population here and in some other major states controlled by the GOP, such as Illinois, have been compelled to conduct strenuous campaigns to get around the deficiencies in the GOP-sponsored laws.

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This Summer's Watchword

THE chiefs of our Army, Navy, and Air Force issued a warning on Thursday that the war is by no means over, and "it will be won sooner if everybody in war work sticks to his job till complete victory has been attained." This is a warning against complacency and premature celebration from our highest possible authority. It is all the more important since the advice comes against the background of our impressive initial victories on all the European fronts.

These victories are a source of immense gratification, as General Marshall, Admiral King and General Arnold declare. Our operations on Normandy have been so successful in so short a time that the moment is now impending for further, and perhaps more central blows, against Germany's power in the west. On the eastern front, the Soviet armies are developing a most brilliant, concentrated assault, destroying tens of German divisions and opening the way toward Germany proper from the east. The operations in Soviet Karelia continue with equal speed; while in Italy, as in guerrilla-held France and Yugoslavia, Hitler is feeling the steady concentration of the prison walls that were intended to chain Europe but are now to chain him.

The scope and pace of the war is pushing all events to a tremendous climax; victory now depends on the war's being sustained, the push being maintained and the pressure increased. It is in this sense that the chiefs of staff must be taken most seriously, especially on the American home front.

Cohorts of Chaos

But there is another conclusion which must also be drawn from this warning, a conclusion which the labor and progressive movement, in particular, must take to heart. It is not only a premature celebration of ultimate victory that can endanger this climactic summer's success. It is also the growth of narrow partisanship, the deliberate instigation of chaos as the Republican Party bids for power in the election campaign.

The danger of the GOP's course exists not only on the level of high policy and postwar perspectives. The danger is that in their desperate drive to win power, the GOP and its large defeatist cohorts will stop at nothing to divide, confuse, and upset the nation right now.

Having no real issues to fight on, the GOP can be expected to create every possible provocation that might in any way react against the President and his leadership.

The danger of strikes provoked in key plants, the danger of the Montgomery Ward type of insurrection, the danger of fanning racial antagonism into riots—all this cannot be ignored, and constitutes as much a menace to speedy victory as a let-down in general morale.

For just as the German armies in their desperation fight savagely, so will those well-known sections of the GOP who realize that the nation opposes their policies, and stands for the President's leadership.

Discipline which comes from patriotic devotion; unity which comes from an understanding of how powerful an enemy is being defeated—these are watchwords for the crucial summer ahead. Labor and its allies must hold the banner high and discharge their great national duty.

Welcome IWO Delegates

TOMORROW at Carnegie Hall more than 500 regular, fraternal and guest delegates will assemble for the sixth national convention of the International Workers Order, labor fraternal society. These delegates represent 171,000 members.

We welcome warmly the delegates of this society—America's most progressive fraternal organization—to the Greater City. We feel certain that their deliberations will redound to the benefit of their order and the American nation.

The IWO has been a tower of strength among the national group communities of the United States, binding together the members of each community and the communities themselves with each other in mobilization for the war effort.

Judging by its past record of unstinted service there can be no doubt that this workers fraternal order will measure up to its responsibilities. Meeting in the decisive days of this great patriotic war this convention marks an extremely important occasion in the unification of our nation behind our great Commander-in-Chief, in the forging of greater friendship of national communities in the melting pot that is America, in rallying the greatest efforts for victory and progress.

Between the Lines

Jimcrow Licked in Britain

By Joseph Starobin

LUIGI ANTONINI, the Social-Democratic head of Local 89, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, has been meeting difficulties, I understand, in his projected visit to Italy. The State Department hesitates, despite Adolf Berle's desires, because protests have come so thick and fast from progressive Italian-American unions and public figures.

You will recall that William Green, AFL chief, had explained Luigi's trip as intended to help unite the labor unions of Italy. Since you can pull only so much wool over people's eyes and no more, it was promptly pointed out that Antonini is the last man in the world for such a job. His visit would, in fact, help prevent such unity among Italian workers.

Well, since then an extremely important event has happened in Italy, which you may not have noted: the unification of the Italian trade unions in a single center, under joint leadership of Giuseppe di Vittorio, Communist; Achille Grandi, Catholic democrat; and Oreste Longobardi, Socialist. An executive of 15 is now functioning, equally divided among Catholic, Socialist, and Communist workers.

This is not simply collaboration of the two traditional trade union centers among Italian workers—the old Confederation of Labor, under Socialist leadership, and the so-called White Syndicates, the Catholic union center. This is organic unity: the first such case in liberated Europe and a harbinger of things to come in other lands.

So if Luigi Antonini was going to Italy to help unite Italian labor, the job's already been done. If he was actually going to prevent such unity and divide Italian labor, it's too late. Why then let him go at all?

Antonini Stooge Gets Nasi OK

Incidentally, on April 26, the N. Y. Times published a letter from Antonini's bright young man, Vanni Montana, denouncing what he called "Communist

domination" in Italy. On May 14 (I have it from official government sources) the Nazi newspaper, Mulhauser Tageblatt, in Alsace-Lorraine, reprinted Montana's letter as proof that the Communists are really running the show in Italy, the way Papa Goebbels always claims.

Guatemala Shows Central America Trend

Upheavals in that perfect little fascist country, Guatemala, indicate something of a trend in the Central American countries, and maybe that's why Mr. Hull conferred with their diplomats last week. First it was El Salvador in the spring, where the Martinez dictatorship was overthrown. Now there is the same prospect in Guatemala, against dictator Jorge Ubico. Things seem to be stirring in Nicaragua, and Honduras, too. Perhaps the victory of the progressive Teodoro Picado, in Costa Rica, has had influence throughout the isthmus. If only big countries like Argentina could learn from these little ones.

Jim Crow Gets Rough Handling By Britons

A friend sends me some clippings from London's General News Service reporting, on the basis of letters to the British press, the Englishman's attitude toward Jim-crow in the Amer-

ican army. The British public, you know, can't understand or stomach our Army's discrimination against American soldiers whose skin happens to be black.

Well, it seems that in Newport, Monmouthshire, a bus was filled to overflowing and a white American soldier found a Negro seated. The former demanded the seat and got it, until a British girl conductor came along and said: "Hey, you—out of it." The Negro Yank got his seat back.

In Cardiff, at a serviceman's dance, a white soldier passed a Negro boy dancing, and shouted an epithet at him. The manager of the hall had overheard, called the two Americans together and demanded an apology to the Negro. The white soldier was humiliated. He apologized, promised never to behave like that again, and shook hands with the Negro lad.

But the best story comes in a letter to the London press about a British farmer in a remote corner of southern England, where many American troops are quartered. The farmer was asked how he got along with the troops and replied:

"Why, very well indeed. I like the Americans very much, but somehow I can't get along with all the white fellows who have come over with them."

Worth Repeating

WALLACE STEGNER on "Who Persecutes Boston?" in the current (July) Atlantic Monthly: The large body of the Christian Front [in Boston] is made up of the dregs of the Irish community. Its leaders are politically ambitious demagogues; but the long history of isolation and discrimination in Boston has built into the Irish-American mind such a sensitiveness to criticism, and so automatic an impulse to defend anything Irish and anything Catholic, that the vast majority of respectable Irish-American citizens find themselves used as a shield by the breeders of hate and disunity, their inherited persecution complex deftly manipulated by people whose whole purpose is to set American against American, race against race, religion against religion. Suspicion breeds counter-suspicion, charge breeds counter-charge. Father Curran charged with anti-Semitism, charges his accusers with anti-Catholicism. A clever propagandist can manipulate those two antagonistic elements like the two glasses used in mixing a Bromo-Seltzer, and get with each manipulation a greater effervescence of hate—which is precisely what Hitler and Goebbels, and their American admirers want. . . . For the sake of religious peace in the city of Boston, for the sake of the American creed of diversity without disunity, it is high time Catholicism in Boston made very clear that it is not in sympathy with the prophets of dissension.

Today's Guest Column

THE Dewey-Bricker crowd has now launched the presidential campaign in the gutter of partisan politics. They have so far raised no genuine issues. They have set a pattern of demagogic which we may assume they will continue to develop. Nevertheless, real, vital issues are involved in the campaign, issues which we cannot afford to lose by default. If this guest column is to play any sort of useful role it must devote itself to clarifying certain of the issues of our national campaign, even if these issues are not going to be explicitly put before us by the reactionaries.

The Republican platform has this to say on Western Hemisphere relations: "We shall develop Pan-American solidarity. The citizens of our neighboring nations in the Western Hemisphere are, like ourselves, Americans. Cooperation with them shall be achieved through mutual agreement and without interference in the internal affairs of any nation. Our policy should be a genuine good neighbor policy commanding their respect, and not one based on the reckless squandering of American funds by overlapping agencies."

THE first part of that declaration is verbiage to which any one can subscribe. There is



by Frederick V. Field

no argument about the words. But in the light of the groups supporting Dewey have they any meaning? The last sentence is typical of the low plane on which the campaign has begun. It is taken straight out of the Reader's Digest phony expose carried out through Sen. Butler of Nebraska. The accusation has been thoroughly discredited on the floor of the Senate and by every honest student of Latin American affairs.

The backers of the Dewey-Bricker ticket as well as the candidates themselves stand for policies inimical to the Good Neighbor Policy. They want a high tariff which will wreck any possibility of expanding foreign trade. They represent those sections of American economy which are anti-British and anti-Soviet. For Latin American relations that means an unbridled imperialist competition with the British for markets and raw materials and the struggle to keep and develop Latin America as the special colonial property of the United States. It means the denial of Teheran, the refusal to allocate markets by international agreement, the projection of anti-Communism as a weapon in the postwar imperialist struggle.

THE development of Western Hemisphere relations hinges on the rapidity with which

Dewey's Latin-American Policy: Tight Fist and Mailed Fist

the Latin American nations can industrialize after the war. For the process of industrialization will so change the relationship of forces within these nations as to break down the remnants of feudalism, the strangle-hold of the latifundistas. Industrialization will bring with it a strengthening of the labor movement, the emancipation of the peasants, the expansion of the market and the development of democratic institutions. And all of that means the breakdown of the semi-colonial relations with the powerful capitalist countries under which these Latin nations have remained backward.

This whole process of economic and political development is denied by the Dewey-Bricker program. Rather than look forward to more Teherans, these reactionaries hark back to Bertie McCormick's notorious dictum that Latin America is the special province for U. S. exploitation.

As long as the Latin American people are uncertain as to the outcome of the November elections they will hesitate to commit themselves openly in favor of democratic progress and against the fascism of the Farrell-Peron clique in Argentina. We shall not find it possible to extend and deepen the Good Neighbor Policy until we have made it abundantly clear to them that the American people are determined to repudiate the Dewey-Bricker crowd and return President Roosevelt's democratic administration to the White House.

Listen Here,



Poll Tax Fascism

Waupin, Wisc.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is true that our armies are moving forward, and it is also true that the "United Nations" can and will destroy the fascist armies. But will the roots of fascism be destroyed, too? The majority of people in America realize that fascism has brought hunger, enslavement, and the worst kind of brutality upon the people of Europe, but do these people realize the importance of destroying its roots?

We might say or think that the poll tax law is just another law; it deprives millions of workers of their right to vote. Therefore, it interferes with the supreme voting power of the American people. As long as we have a law which deprives a single race of people of their vote, we cannot have unrestrained enjoyment of natural rights or racial democracy. Having this fact in mind, I believe that it is necessary to erase this law so that America can move forward as a great democratic country.

H. KINNAMON.

Taylor of Idaho A Good Man

Helena, Mont.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Pocatello Glen H. Taylor, a New Deal liberal, defeated Senator Dewar Clark for U. S. Senate in Idaho for nomination as Democratic candidate for U. S. Senate.

We have been opposed to Dewar Clark since he was a member of the House of Representatives. Senator Clark has a record of pro-Nazi and fascist.

In 1939 I wrote an article in the newspaper in Minneapolis which exposed Senator Clark and the late Senator Lundeen. I told that Senator Lundeen and Dewar Clark were oil wheels for Hitlerism slavery.

MIKE CHETKOVICH.

No Negro Can Be Indifferent

New Bedford, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Since 1922 I have been a reader of the Daily Worker and for some time the Sunday Worker.

I appreciate your attitude on all questions pertaining to the Negro.

Doxey Wilkerson's *Toward Freedom* is very timely. I think no wise Negro can be indifferent to it. I wish it could be read by people.

P. W. DeG.

Defeatist Sheets In a Shop

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It has to be confessed, but in my shop (an AFL union shop) the Daily News and the Mirror are the favorite papers. Now and then a World-Telegram is seen but even that is a rare occasion. The bad influence of these defeatist sheets also does have effect. We'll have to see that the Daily Worker gets into the hands of these workers, at least of the best of them.

HANNAH W.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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Views On Labor News

FROM far off California comes the story of the way a reactionary clique sought to take advantage of an announcement that Al Yates, an active member of the AFL's Steamfitters and Helpers, Local 590, was elected to the California State Committee of the Communist Political Association. They sought to bar his candidacy for business agent of the union of 17,000 on grounds of Communism. Yates appealed to the union's international office and his right to run was upheld.

Despite all the red-baiting, Yates came in fourth of nine elected business agents. The reactionary maneuver to apply the red brush to the entire progressive slate didn't work either. Thirty-eight on the list were swept to victory.

In the same week, New York Painters Dist. Council 9, elected officers. Secretary-treasurer Louis Weinstein had just been elected member of the National Committee of the Communist Political Association. Most of the metropolitan papers reported that. But his red-baiting opponents, far from gaining, came out worse than at any time in the ten years that Weinstein has been in and out of that office.

The moral is that Communism isn't much of a scare to trade unionists any more. In fact, to a considerable percentage of the organized workers it has become a badge of honor. The two examples above ought to be taken together with reports from every district of the CPA that trade unionists elected to the national



by George Morris

or state committees of the CPA, far from meeting hostility, have met congratulations.

I HAVE been told of cases of heads of unions with constitutions that contain anti-Communist clauses, themselves anything but friends of Communists, stretching their congratulating hand to such Communist trade unionists on learning of their election to the CPA committees. Naturally, in many cases those aren't sentiments towards Communism. They are more of an expression of friendship and courtesy to the individual. But the red bugaboo is sidetracked, as are the constitutional clauses which are today just so much reactionary garbage that unions have not yet swept out.

John L. Lewis was among the first to insert the red-baiting clause in a union constitution. He found this necessary back in the twenties when he began his drive to smother the union's democracy and build up the machine that now rules the mine workers. Other reactionary labor officials took a lesson from Lewis to reinforce their fences against progressive opposition. Soon the AFL executive council's mous-backs who would like nothing better than a Chinese Wall against any progressive change, put into effect such clauses through the general AFL machinery. The CIO is generally free of this divisive weapon, but a number of its important unions succumbed to the Social Democratic "Communazi" slogan in the early stages of the war and inserted "red" clauses.

These clauses amounted to a suppression of

The "Red Scare" Has Lost Its Fury in Trade Unions

political rights of trade unionists. A trade unionist, holding Communist affiliation, had to resign from the Communist organization to qualify for union office and in some cases for membership and a job. The further effect has been to deny to unions the services of some of their most able people.

IT IS also true that by and large, in most unions, the clause has become a dead letter. Hundreds of Communists are holding office in unions that have "red" clauses. But we have also seen recently how such a clause could become an instrument of fascist forces in the country.

For more than 10 years, to my knowledge, Tony Lombardo has been an outstanding and able leader of New Rochelle, N. Y., local of the musicians. I saw him as a delegate at the union's 1935 convention in Detroit. He was the local's delegate at Chicago several weeks ago. He is a well-known Communist in the community, breaks into the local papers often and was a candidate on the Communist ticket. Nobody in the union, not even general president Petrillo, bothered about the red clause.

But Col. Robert McCormick's Axis-line rag in Chicago thought of it during the convention. The paper made an issue of the "red" clause with Petrillo, demanding that it be applied against this known Communist. Petrillo, not looking for any more publicity trouble than he already has, and himself far from being a champion of rights for Communists, quite naturally took the "constitutional" road.

Red-baiting clauses are like a cancer and should be cut out of the lives of unions.

Facts for Victory

By LABOR RESEARCH
ASSOCIATION

Now in the best financial position in all their history, railroad companies will have some \$2,500,000 to spend for a postwar program of rehabilitation and streamlining of services.

Their net current assets or net working capital increased by over 300 percent in the four years from 1939 through 1943—a far larger gain than was shown by any other industry, the Securities and Exchange Commission reported.

With these huge reserves in cash and other quick assets, the roads are planning extensive—and expensive—changes in their services in an effort to meet postwar competition from busses, trucking and airlines. They will modernize freight cars, coaches and Pullmans and introduce all kinds of improvements for efficiency in



both passenger and freight services.

Net profits of all Class I roads totaled \$897,800,000 for 1943. This was 370 per cent above their profits in 1940, the year before we entered the war.

PROFITS 370 PER CENT ABOVE PREWAR

Despite higher taxes, the roads' 1943 net profit was only a slight drop of less than one-half of 1 per cent from the all-time record high profits of \$901,712,558 in 1942.

For everyone of the 1,355,000 railroad workers on Class I roads in 1943, the companies made a net profit (after taxes) of \$662. In 1942 this profit was \$710 on each employee.

Will these high profits continue or will they drop sharply? Financial World (June 14) predicts a continuation of large profits at least till the end of the war in the Pacific.

"Once the European conflict is ended, we are likely to witness a record flow of transcontinental traffic moving westward to be shipped to our mounting forces in

the Pacific. Thus the era of lush railway earnings seems to have much more time yet to run, during which virtually every rail company will doubtless continue to add to its financial strength."

POSTWAR OUTLOOK PROMISING

All financial observers agree that the future of the railroad industry in the postwar years will depend largely on general business conditions and the volume of national income.

For more than 10 years, the gross operating revenues of Class I roads have averaged about 6 per cent of total national income payments, as estimated by the U. S. Department of Commerce. In 1943, the roads' gross operating revenues totaled \$9,075,000,000, equal to 6.44 per cent of these payments.

Even if national income payments fell to only \$100 billion in postwar years, as some "business-as-usual" spokesmen predict, railroad operating revenues would then be about \$6,000,000,000. This total for the roads would still be

larger than the gross intake of any of the years from 1930 through '41.

Despite increasing competition from airlines, highways and waterways, the railroads in postwar years are expected to maintain about 60 per cent of the total traffic volume of the country. In 1943 they had 66 per cent of it, compared with 56 per cent in 1938 and 70 per cent in 1929. They will certainly hold their lead in carrying heavy freight.

RAILROAD JOBS FOR 1,500,000

Railroads are now understaffed with their 400,000 workers. From 100,000 to 200,000 additional men and women are urgently needed to fill railroad jobs.

If postwar traffic is maintained at the 1943-44 level, a working force of 1,500,000 to 1,600,000 would find employment. But working hours are now much longer than before the war and present manpower is stretched to the limit of its endurance.

When the working day is shortened to eight hours after the war, the numbers employed could be correspondingly increased.

Soviet Paper Notes Polish Gov't Dilemma

MOSCOW, June 30 (ALN).—Discussing the removal last week of General Kazimierz Sosnkowski as deputy president of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London, the Soviet trade union publication War and the Working Class declares this week that "in view of the fact that the reactionary leader Raczkiewicz continues to function as president, the so-called compromise naturally changes nothing."

Spur Anti-Union Provocations

Management anti-labor provocations extended their lines yesterday, perhaps inspired by the Republican convention. Some provocations succeeded.

More than 9,000 employees of the Timken Roller Bearing Co., at Canton, O., were on strike while 20,000 over-the-road truck drivers in eight midwestern states prepared to walk out at midnight in an effort to enforce a War Labor Board order granting them a wage increase.

The CIO United Steelworkers of America announced a "complete breakdown of relations" with Timken.

Intercity AFL truck drivers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas were scheduled to quit work at midnight. The WLB issued a directive Feb. 7, granting the drivers a 12 per cent wage increase, but companies affiliated with the Midwest Operators Association refused to comply.

In New York, a "continuous meeting" of 800 workers of the Marine Division of Bendix Aviation Co. went into its fourth day yesterday without a settlement. Local 853, CIO United Auto Workers, fixed a meeting for next Wednesday at the Bedford YMCA to determine further action. The stoppage was in protest against layoffs violating seniority provisions, stalling on a contract renewal, and abrupt cancellation of checkoff provisions affecting technical and white collar personnel.

Forty-nine hundred miners were reported idle in Shenandoah, Pa., stoppages protesting company contract violations. In dispute were wage questions and vacation pay. In Florida, 26 branches of the Gulf Coast District Fishermen's Union were said to have voted to continue a tie-up originating from dealers' refusal to sign a contract setting minimum prices for fish.

However in Toledo, AFL transit workers ended a two-day walkout.

Back the Attack!

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35¢ per line (5 words to a line; 3 lines minimum.) DEADLINE: Daily at 12 noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

Today

TOMORROW is Fiesta Time at the Groppers'. Sat., July 1st from 2 p.m. until . . . at the home of Bill and Sophie Gropper, Mt. Airey Rd., Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y. Stars of stage, screen, radio and politics. Adm. \$1.00, \$2.00 includes turkey dinner. Games, fun galore. Benefit Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, MU 3-0189. Everybody's welcome. Trains leave Grand Central every few minutes for Harmon. Taxi to Groppers, 25¢.

Tonight

Manhattan

STUDIO PARTY. Cultural and Folk Dance Group, 128 E. 16th St. Surprise attractions, cozy, congenial atmosphere, refreshments. Join our fun. 8:30 p.m.

FIRST OF JULY Firecracker Jamboree. A party and musical review, "Munis Diamond's Celebrities"—an all-star cast. Free beer too. Celebration for fund drive at Greenwich Village Club, CPA, 430 Sixth Ave. Subs. \$1.00. Servicemen free.

Tomorrow

Brooklyn

SPAGHETTI DINNER in Far Rockaway. Enjoy a home cooked spaghetti dinner. Sunday, July 2nd at 1428 Sheridan Blvd. (Beach Channel Drive). Come and be served any time between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m. All proceeds to Daily Worker. Adm. \$1.00.

CAPT. SERGEI KOURNAKOFF, noted military authority, speaks tomorrow at the Brighton Community Center. Topic: From the East, West and the South.

Coming

MONDAY, JULY 3rd. Fireworks Party and Dance of the Midtown Club. Folk dancing. Music. Servicemen, fun. Surprise, 301 Second Ave. Adm. 50¢ plus tax.

comedy staged in Buffalo shows that the Polish-Americans by no means support the policy of the Raczkiewicz-Sosnkowski clique."

The Polish government-in-exile is camp of Polish reaction, and other trying to keep up the appearance groups that have accepted the unenviable part of covering up the Sosnkowski, who is actual dictator in the intrigues of the reactionary clique.

6th

NATIONAL CONVENTION of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER GENERAL AND NATIONAL GROUP SECTION SESSIONS

GENERAL SESSIONS AT MANHATTAN CENTER

34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City

Monday, July 3	10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.	General Meeting of Committees
Tuesday, July 4	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	General
Thursday, July 6	2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.	General
Friday, July 7	10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	General Delegates' Banquet
	Evening	

CARPATHO-RUSSIAN SECTION

Sessions: Capitol Hotel, Gold Room, 5th Ave. and 51st St., N. Y.
Tuesday, July 4 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 5 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Opening Celebration: Carpatho-Russian Center, 356 Yonkers Ave., Yonkers, N. Y. Concert and Mass Meeting. Sunday July 2 2 p.m.

CROATIAN SECTION

Sessions: Headquarters, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 23 W. 26th St., N. Y.

Tuesday, July 4 3 p.m.
Wednesday, July 5 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, July 6 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Opening Celebration: Headquarters, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 23 W. 26th St., N. Y.

Tuesday, July 4 8 p.m.

FINNISH SECTION

Sessions: Brooklyn Finnish Hall, 704 40th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Tuesday, July 4 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 5 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, July 6 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Opening Celebration: Speedway Garden, 31 Dyckman St., N. Y. Banquet and Reception.

Tuesday, July 4 8 p.m.

GENERAL LODGES

Sessions: Gold Room, Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave., N. Y.

Tuesday, July 4 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 5 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, July 6 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Opening Celebration: Negro Commission

Harlem Reception: Imperial Elks Auditorium, 180 W. 129th St., N. Y.

Monday, July 3 9 p.m.

Honored Guests: A. Clayton Powell; Ben Davis, Jr.

Outstanding variety program; dance; refreshments.

GREEK SECTION

Sessions: Victoria Room, Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., N.Y.C.

Tuesday, July 4 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 5 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Opening Celebration: Victoria Room, Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., N.Y.C.

Wednesday, July 5 8 p.m. Banquet

ITALIAN SECTION

Sessions: Capitol Hotel, Marine Room, 8th Ave. and 51st St., N.Y.

Wednesday, July 5 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Thursday, July 6 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OPENING CELEBRATION:

Tuesday, July 4 3 p.m.
Garibaldi Monument, Washington Square Park, foot of 5th Ave.

Traditional Garibaldi Celebration.

HUNGARIAN SECTION

Sessions: Academy Hall, Room 16A, 253 Broadway, N. Y.

Tuesday, July 4 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 5 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, July 6 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OPENING CELEBRATION:

Tuesday, July 4 8:30 p.m.
Barbizon Plaza Hotel, 8th Ave. and 58th St., N. Y.

Opening Celebration:

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Cooper Square, N. Y.

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Soviets Rebuild 20,000 Miles of Rails in 18 Mos.

By JOHN GIBBONS

MOSCOW, June 30.—In the territories of the Soviet Union liberated from German occupation, the atmosphere of rebuilding is reminiscent of the boom days during the famous five-year plans.

Shattered cities, villages, factories and farms, flooded mines and torn-up railroads are taking shape again under the sure hands of Army builders.

Railroad rehabilitation is priority number one. Railways are the blood stream of the front, and restoration of the devastated regions would be impossible without them.

In the past 18 months something like 20,000 miles of railroad—about five times the distance from New York to San Francisco—have been put back into working order.

A STEADY STREAM

Oil from Baku, coal from the Donets Basin and food from the rich agricultural Kuban areas are flowing northward in a steady stream along the great lateral railways which have been restored throughout the length of the country, from Moscow to the foothills of the Caucasus.

Express trains now link Moscow with Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and even with recently-liberated Sevastopol.

Over 1,000 large and medium bridges, with a total length of 60 miles, were needed to span the Don, Dnieper, Desna, Bug, Dniester, Pruth and other rivers left bridgeless by the retreating enemy. Railway engineers are spanning the rivers now at a rate of 120 feet a day, as compared with 20 or 30 feet daily when the restoration work was first begun.

An outstanding achievement in the history of bridge building was accomplished on the lower Dniepr when a bridge with a span of 3,400 feet was built in only 13 days.

Difficulties of an almost incredible nature faced the Soviet railroad builders. The Germans, who have made destruction a special Nazi science, wrecked Russian railroads with a ruthlessness that baffles description.

WILDERNESS OF DEBRIS

On journeys to Kharkov, Simferopol, Kiev and other cities I have traveled hundreds of miles without once seeing a station building or a railwayman's cottage. The confusion of twisted and tangled iron work of bridges that I saw rusting in the Dnepr, Dnestr and other rivers was a weird and altogether fantastic spectacle. The mere sight of the enormous mass of debris is enough to chill the boldest heart.

And in the wilderness of a devastated, peopleless countryside, problems of labor supply, building materials and transport are not easily solved. But the needs of the front brooked no delay.

The simultaneous offensives in White Russia and in Viborg, Karelia, together with powerful concentrations of men and equipment poised for a great, all-out attack along other sectors of the front, are a testimonial to the engineers and workers of the special Railroad Rehabilitation Board set up by the Soviet government.

Morning Course On Science of Society

An intensive one-week morning course in the subject, Science of Society, will be held in the Jefferson School from July 17 to July 21, four hours a day, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Included will be an analysis of the tasks facing the United Nations.

Morris Wenchewsky Lodge 115 Greet Brother and Sister Davis on their 25th Wedding Anniversary, June 8th. Our best wishes to them and we hope their two sons in the Armed Forces will return soon and safe.

IWO Boosts Bonds

A gift of \$250,000 worth of war bonds will be given to our fighting men at the opening session of the International Workers Order Convention at Carnegie Hall, Sunday, July 2, it was announced yesterday.

A representative of the U. S. Treasury department will receive a check for that amount from John E. Middleton, IWO executive secretary during the ceremonies honoring the 8,534 members of the Order now in the service.

The convention which will continue through July 7 will be ad-

outstanding win-the-war congressman, among others.

Spurring the Fifth War Loan Drive yesterday was the announcement by the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union that \$15,000,000 worth of E bonds would be sold during an intensive shop-to-shop canvass. An additional purchase of \$4,910,000 worth of bonds will be made by the union treasur-

er. Produce workers boosted the Fifth Drive by \$1,186,000 at a midnight bond rally.

An official tally at the end of this

16 A.D. Club Tops Quota by \$350

The 16 A. D. Communist Political Association Club located in the heart of Yorkville resembles a miniature melting pot—among its members are represented several national minorities, many of whom are trade unionists.

They tackled the job of raising their 1944 fund drive quota with real enthusiasm. Every member participated, obtaining contributions as they visited neighbors and friends and urged them to register.

An official tally at the end of this

week showed the quota overfulfilled by \$350.

Meanwhile downtown in the Chelsea Club the good work was being duplicated. Some 78 members of that club canvassed for contributions during the same period and collected \$600. Added to the previous total this met their voluntary quota of \$2,400.

Outstanding work has also been done by a small number of CPA members in 4A group. They completed their quota of \$1,000 two weeks ago and are now busy overfulfilling.



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In This CORNER

The Mailman Delivers Request for Weekly Chess Column

By Bill Mardo

Call your shots, folks.

Much discussion has greeted this page's recent review of chess in the Soviet Union. Many people have ventured the opinion that we ought to print a weekly chess column, and others maintain that, as yet, the game's appeal is not broad enough to warrant regular comment.

As in all controversies of this sort, the final decision will be made by the readers. Yesterday's mailbag carried the viewpoint of an amateur chessman, who wrote:

"I believe a regular chess column would be a great asset to your paper for the following reasons.

"Chess as a sport has been growing in popularity in this country for the past decade or so, as much among the working class as among other groups. After the war, interest will be heightened with the resumption of international masters' tournaments.

"Tournaments for experts are being held regularly in this country even during the war. To mention but a few, there are the U. S. Championships, held every two years; the annual U. S. Chess Federation Open Championship; the New York State Championship; the annual U. S. Amateur Championship, and numerous others. The game is also very popular among the armed forces.

"There is also the projected radio match between the United States and the Soviet Union, which now appears likely to be held in the near future. This match should contribute greatly toward a spirit of friendliness between the two countries, and will no doubt be followed with interest by chess fans everywhere.

"In the Soviet Union, the game of chess is a national sport played by millions. The recent Soviet championship was broadcast over the radio and reported daily in the Soviet press.

"I should like to know what you think of the proposal for a Daily Worker chess column."

"Respectfully,

I. S."

A fight fan from Williamsburg inquired:

Dear Bill:

I recall reading something in the Daily Worker sports page several months ago about an unknown 17-year-old Negro boxer who was supposed to be an even harder hitter than Aaron Perry. His name slips me, but whatever became of the kid?

LARRY B."

Our friend is undoubtedly referring to young Billy Arnold, about whom Nat Low wrote some time ago. Well, according to Nat Rogers, Mike Jacobs' matchmaker, there's only one thing keeping Mr. Arnold out of the Garden. And that is an understandable unwillingness on the part of no few fighters to keep far out of Billy's way.

The reason I say understandable is because the kid's record reads 28 knockouts out of a grand total of 29 fights. He's probably a good puncher. Seriously, though, Nat Rogers revealed that since Billy flattened Roman Alvarez in four rounds out in Philly the other p.m., nobody wants any part of him. But the fight game being what it is, we have little doubt that Mike Jacobs will be able to induce one or two guys to mix it up with Billy in the near future. And what a future that is.

From the Press Box**THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH**

By C. E. Dexter

This is the day of the old gent in baseball. The feathery flutter ball of Jim Tobin has carried him to one and one-half no-hitters in two months. Jim is 32.... All of which started me looking around for other old men who are making the most of their wartime opportunity to play in the scenes of their ancient glory.

Curt Davis, for instance, 40 and slim, is still the steady rock of Dodger pitching—he beat the Phils the other day. Dixie Walker, edging 34, has been leading the National League all spring. Tony Cuccinello, who played second for Bill Terry in 1933, came back to do good work at the hot corner for the White Sox when Gray Clarke, regular thirdsacker was out of the game.

Two graying catchers, Rollie Hemsley of the Yanks and Rick Ferrell of the Senators have found renewed youth in their 37th and 38th years respectively. Hemsley is a tower of strength to McCarthy. Ferrell's catching of the tricky knuckle ball tossing of Dutch Leonard, Milt Haefner, Roger Wolf and Johnny Niggeling is remarkable.

And, speaking of oldsters, how about Niggeling, who never really made the big league grade until he was 36 and who, at 39, is the Senators' leading thrower. Leonard, at 36, is a better pitcher than he was at 23, when he was a Dodger.

Now there's 40 year old Jo-Jo White, a favorite with fans, playing five games in three days for the Athletics the other weekend, and giving the Yanks the jitters with his timely hitting. And Frank

Hayes, discarded two seasons ago at 31, now starring and hitting hard as the iron man catcher of the A's.

Bob Johnson, edging 40, is hitting .320 for the Red Sox. Gus Mancuso came back at 37 to catch as intelligently as he did ten years ago for the Giants. Luke Hamlin, 38 and out of it two years ago, shut out the Yanks two weeks ago—he seems to be as good as ever.

Two of the National League's greatest pitchers, Bucky Walters, 34, Truett Sewell, 35, are still aces. Buck Newsom can still win for the A's at 36. The revival of George Caster, 35, has helped the St. Louis Browns mightily.

As for the genuine ancients—take Paul Waner, still valuable to the Dodgers at 41; grandfather Joe Heving, relief pitcher for the Indians; and 43-year-old Johnny Cooney, defensive relief outfielder for the Yanks, and you round out an old-time crew of major leaguers who have been drinking at the fountain of youth and found the waters sweet.

Back the Attack!

BUY MORE THAN BEFORE

Dodgers Lose, Giants Wallop The Bucs, 7-5

The cellar-ridden Chicago Cubs got mad yesterday at Wrigley Field and knocked across two runs in the last half of the ninth inning to beat the Dodgers, 2-0.

Ed Head hurled for the Flock and lost his first ballgame of the year, his record now reading four and one. It was outfielder Andy Pafko who blasted a homer in the bottom half of the ninth with a man on base, to turn back the Dodgers.

Out in Pittsburgh, the New York Giants beat the second place Bucs, 7-5, in the opener of a twinbill. Harry Feldman started for the Otters and was relieved in the seventh inning by Ace Adams.

Both teams were knotted up at one-all in the first frame. The Giants knocked in another three tallies in the fifth, one more in the sixth stanza, and a run apiece in the eighth and ninth.

The Pirates' big inning was the fourth frame, when they blasted in four runs.

This paper went to press too early for details of the second game.

Bombers Get Blanked

Stephens Big Gun As Brownies Win

By Phil Gordon

Mr. Al Hollingsworth stopped the Yankee victory skein at the Stadium yesterday, letting them down with seven scattered hits as the St. Louis Browns copped the ballgame, 3-0. Thus, the Brownies are 3½

games ahead of the McCarthymen though the series was a tight squeeze for them, dropping two out of the three.

Lefty Joe Page started for the Yanks, and his knack for getting pounced on in the first innings showed to good advantage yesterday. After Quinn drew a walk, hard-hitting Vernon Stephens blasted his eighth homer of the year to give the Brownies a 2-0 lead.

Again, in the fourth frame, it was Stephens who started it off with a single to Stirnweiss. Chet Laabs, who had been doing war work until last week when his plant closed down, then singled to left, sending Stephens to second base. Christman's smack to Stirnweiss was dropped, filling the bases. Byrnes then poked into a double play, Stephens scoring on the deal with the St. Louis club's third and final run.

Manager Luke Sewell played

around with his outfield yesterday, the results being that Laabs went into left field, replacing Zarilla who was benched.

Hollingsworth, former Dodger hurler, pitched a heady ballgame, continuously outguessing the Yankees.

The Yanks threatened in the last half of the ninth, when they put two men on, but Hollingsworth's change of pace stuff nearly put the fire out, and the Yankee streak was finally stopped at six straight.

Big gun for the Brownies was Vern Stephens, who has been playing terrific ball since his four-day layoff in June. Yesterday the Brownie shortstop got three for five, a homer and two singles. Vernon leads the AL in runs batted in, and if Messrs. Cullenbine and Hayes didn't connect for any circuit clouts yesterday, Stephens will be in a four-way tie for the AL homerun leadership.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Ke. WHN—1050 Ke.
WEAF—600 Ke. WNEW—1180 Ke.
WOR—710 Ke. WLIE—1190 Ke.
WJZ—770 Ke. WOV—1250 Ke.
WNYC—830 Ke. WWD—1330 Ke.
WABC—850 Ke. WSNY—1480 Ke.
WINS—1600 Ke. WQXR—1560 Ke.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00 WEAF—To Be Announced
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—On Stage, Everybody
WABC—News; Warren Sweeney
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
11:05 WABC—Let's Pretend
11:30 WEAF—Melody Round-up
WOR—Hooley Hall
WJZ—Land of the Lost
WABC—Fashions in Rations—Billie Burke; Faith Baldwin
WMCA—News; Recorded Music

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00 WEAF—News; Consumer Time
WOR—Hello Mom
WJZ—Blue Playhouse
WABC—Theatre of Today
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
12:25 WJZ—News; Farm-Home Hour
12:30 WEAF—Atlantic Spotlight
WOR—News; Juke Box
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood
1:00 WEAF—Here's to Youth
WOR—Castle Orchestra
WJZ—Report From London
WABC—Grand Central Station
1:15 WJZ—Transatlantic Call—Quiz
WMCA—Health Talk
1:30 WEAF—Indiana Indigo
WOR—Lopis Orchestra
WJZ—Swing Shift Frolics
WABC—Country Journal
WMCA—Dale Belmont, Songs
1:45 WEAF—John MacVane, News
WMCA—This Is Our Town

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00 WEAF—Caravan Tropical
WOR—McIntyre Orchestra
WJZ—Women in Blue
WABC—Of Men and Books
WMCA—News; Reviewers' Corner
2:15 WABC—Adventures in Science
2:30 WEAF—Sports—Grantland Rice
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—Language Quiz
WMCA—Children's Bible Class
3:00 WEAF—Variety Musicals
WOR—This Is Halloran
WJZ—Army Show Fort Sheridan
WABC—Detroit Musicals
WMCA—News; Novena Services
3:30 WEAF—Fuhrman Orchestra
WOR—Strong Orchestra
WJZ—Eddie Condon Jazz Concert
WABC—Visiting Hour
WMCA—News Reports
3:45 WMCA—Front Page Drama
4:00 WEAF—Rupert Hughes, News
WOR—Show Shop
WJZ—Heidi Orchestra
WABC—Col. Stoognagle Show
WMCA—News; Western Songs
4:15 WEAF—Barbara and the Boys
4:25 WABC—News Reports
4:30 WEAF—To Be Announced
WOR, WABC—Racing at Aqueduct
WMCA—Recorded Music
4:45 WOR—Dance Orchestra
WABC—Report From London
5:00 WEAF—Your America; Variety
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—News; Concert Orchestra
WABC—Coriolis Archer—Play
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
5:15 WEAF—Howard Orchestra
5:30 WEAF—Cesar Searchinger—News
WABC—Mother and Dad
WMCA—News; Sports Talk
5:45 WEAF—Curt Massey, Songs
WOR—Elanore King—Talk
WJZ—Nancy Martin, Songs

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00 WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Sydney Moseley, News
WJZ—News; John B. Kennedy
WABC—Quincy Howe, News

Radio Concerts

6-6:55 P.M., WLIR—Great Classics
6-9 P.M., WQXR (also FM)—Symphony Hall
9:30-9:30 P.M., WJZ—Boston Pops Orchestra, directed by Arthur Fiedler
8:30-9:15 P.M., WNYC (also FM)—City Amateur Symphony at Central Park.

Leopold Prince conducts and Helen Ricci is the soprano soloist
9:45-10:15 P.M., WABC (also FM)—Saturday Night Serenade, with Jessica Dragonette, soprano; Bill Perry, tenor; Serenaders and Haenschens

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00 WEAF—National Barn Dance
WOR—Symphony Orchestra
WABC—Hit Parade
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
9:30 WEAF—Can You Top This?
WJZ—Spotlight Band
WMCA—Swing Session
9:45 WABC—Saturday Serenade
9:55 WJZ—Quick Quiz
10:00 WEAF—Barry Woods, Songs
WOR—Royal Gunnison, News
WJZ—Lombardo Orchestra
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
10:15 WOR—Victory Auction
WABC—Correction Please—Quiz
10:30 WEAF—Grand Ole Opry, Variety
WJZ—Army Service Forces—Drama
WMCA—Frank Kingdon, News
10:45 WOR—Leo Cherne, News
WABC—International Cooperative Day Program
WMCA—Marine Corps Program
11:00 WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
WMCA—News; Talk; Music
11:05 WJZ—Bruno Shaw, News
11:15 WJZ—Jean Tighe, Songs
11:30 WEAF—I Sustain the Wings
WJZ—Hillbilly Band
WABC—Casey, Press Photographer
12:00 WEAF, WJZ—News; Music
WABC, WMCA—News; Music

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Film Front

Broadway Legit Shows Come Out Against Jimcrow

By David Platt —

Broadway says Jimcrow must go. This was made plain before a great and appreciative audience at the Negro Freedom Rally on Monday night. The casts of 11 Broadway legit shows dropped into the Garden for a moment or two before going to work, to add their voices to the support of the President's policies against discrimination and to call for the unconditional surrender of fascism at home as well as abroad.

As the representative of each show stepped up to the platform to express their solidarity with those fighting for full equality for the Negro people, they received a reception they will not soon forget. The speeches were short, sweet, direct and tremendously effective.

NEW WORLD A-COMING

First to come to the mike was a member of the cast of Follow the Girls (44th St. Theatre): "Jimcrow has to go," she said. "There's A New World A-Coming." A great roar of approbation swept the hall.

Said a spokesman for Mexican Hayride (Winter Garden): "The Teheran Charter leads to victory and enduring peace, to unity among nations, and among Negro and white. We of the theatre know that such cooperation is indispensable. Only through unity and co-operation can we keep building a new and free world."

Said the cast of Chicken Every Sunday (Plymouth): "No nation is free when minorities are not free."

Pickup Girl (48th St.): "Full support to our Commander-in-Chief; full support to national unity and full support to our fellow Americans, the Negro and Jewish peoples."

J. Edward Bromberg spoke for the Theatre Guild play Jacobovsky and the Colonel (Martin Beck). Said Bromberg: "It is a privilege to be able to state our hatred for all those who would deprive the people of the world of their freedom and rights. At this rally let us call for an end to Jimcrowism in this country and let the Negro people enjoy the rights which their great historic role has earned for them."

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Gailmor on Station WHN

William S. Gailmor, who for three years in his weekly broadcasts has exhibited a consistently sympathetic and friendly attitude toward labor and its problems, will go on the air every evening at 9 p.m. over station WHN, beginning Monday, July 3.

The program will be sponsored by the Electronic Corporation of America, which also sponsors Johannes Steel, another liberal commentator, on station WMCA.

Mr. Gailmor in his new program will maintain his fight for a national victory program, and will continue his attacks on those forces in American life which are opposed to complete defeat of the Axis.

"These forces," Mr. Gailmor said, "consist of the same groups who attack labor, incite hatred against minorities, and generally show themselves friendly to the Hitler ideology. It is my aim to expose these forces so that the progressive American people can destroy them."

Wallflower (Cort Theatre): "With President Roosevelt for victory in 1944, for a new world in which his policies against discrimination will be the new order of the day."

Carmen Jones (Broadway Theatre): "America, a country which is battling to destroy slavery throughout the world must not itself fall a victim of Jimmerowism and feudal slavery forced on our people by a fascist minority."

Jose Ferrer spoke beautifully for the cast of Othello (Shubert): "We are very proud to be here tonight," he said. "Extremely proud, because thanks to the genius of William Shakespeare and the genius of our own star Paul Robeson, we, of Othello, are, within our limited means contributing one tiny little picture to the larger canvas which is being painted here tonight."

Ruth Gordon's Over 21 (Music Box) was represented by Philip Loeb, who summed up what was said in these words:

"For centuries the world has been plagued with racial hatred and religious bigotry. It remained for fascism to deliberately employ these as tools to undermine democracy. By reaffirming faith in our democratic ideals and making our everyday actions one with these, we can destroy race hatred and bigotry and have democracy."

"We do not close our eyes to the effects of an organized campaign to poison our nation. A few degraded men have even dared to champion these doctrines in the halls of our Congress. But the heart of the people is sound. They are not misled. Their resentment is deep and widespread."

"We will be vigilant in practice as well as in doctrine to expose these few and others who are the tools of fascism. We know that the great majority of our countrymen believe this nation to be the symbol and hope of world democracy. This is a fight we will win."

Columbia Studio Buys War Bonds

A corporate purchase of \$2,000,000 in War Bonds was announced by Columbia Pictures Corporation yesterday as part of the company's contribution to the current Fifth War Loan Drive.

This purchase is separate and apart from any made by the employees of the company during the Drive, although it will be credited to Columbia's quota of \$2,500,000.

Columbia employees have set for themselves in the Drive, a goal of \$232,000, not in the maturity value of the bonds but in actual cash. This represents the price of a completely equipped 1,500-bed overseas hospital, the building of which Columbians will sponsor in the campaign. While the amount has not as yet been reached, returns to date give every indication that the employees' personal mark, as well as the company quota, will be exceeded before the expiration of the drive on July 8.

Anna Lucasta Run Extended 2 Weeks

The run of Anna Lucasta, American Negro Theatre play has been extended to July 15, due to popular demand. Despite the hot weather, crowds are packing the Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday performances at Library Theatre, 103 W. 135 St.



WILLIAM S. GAILMOR

Saturday Calendar

FILMS

Jules Levey presents William Bendix in Uegene O'Neil's The Hairy Ape. A United Artists film. At the Globe Theatre.

DRAMA

American Negro Theatre performance of Anna Lucasta tonight at Library Theatre, 103 W. 135 St. 8:45.

MUSIC

Stadium Concert: The Opera La Traviata.

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Kumar Goshal At Jefferson School

Kumar Goshal, author of the recent book, The People of India is scheduled for a course of six lectures on the History of the People of India at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave.

The course scheduled to begin July 12 will present the historic, economic, political, social and cultural development of the 390 million people of India and the place of India in the war and postwar world.

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Late Bulletins

Paramushiro Base Is Shelled By Strong U.S. Naval Task Force

ABOARD A U. S. FLAGSHIP OFF PARAMUSHIRO, June 26. (Delayed)—(UP)—A strong Naval Task Force subjected Karabu Zaki, Japanese air and naval base on the southern tip of Paramushiro Island, to a 30-minute bombardment with nearly 5,000 projectiles early today.

The attack apparently came as a surprise to the Japanese in the heavy fog and early morning darkness. There was little resistance and no damage or casualties to American forces, commanded by Rear-Admiral Ernest Gregory Small.

While shells from larger warships cracked among the hangars, barracks and storage dumps of Karabu Zaki, our destroyers, close in against the beach, engaged a swarm of small craft in a fierce action. A number of Japanese vessels were damaged or sunk.

The action lasted from 4:30 to 5 a.m., despite the enormous difficulty of maneuvering a large force at high speed in the fog.

Ventura medium bombers of the Navy's Fleet Air Wing Four ranged over the enemy bases of Paramushiro during the early morning.

Former Luxury Ship Sunk

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30 (UP).—The 9,135-ton troopship Santa Elena, formerly a luxury liner operated by Grace Lines, has been sunk in the Mediterranean Sea off Sicily by enemy bombers, but 1,700 soldiers were rescued by the Matson Liner Monterey, the War Shipping Administration announced today.

The sinking occurred in mid-November, 1943, the announcement said. The bombers attacked in darkness and during adverse weather conditions. Despite heavy wind, rain and swells the stricken vessel was abandoned in good order.

The Monterey, skippered by Capt. Ellis R. Johnson, located the Santa Elena and moved in close for the rescue. The crew of the Monterey lowered lifeboats, scrambled nets, man ropes and ladders to haul the Santa Elena's crew members and soldier-passengers to safety.

Von Papen, Laval Put Out 'Peace' Feelers

BERN, June 30 (UP).—The Vichy correspondent of the Geneva Tribune reported last night that Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, met French Premier Pierre Laval at Paris and discussed the possibility of peace overtures with the United States.

"Laval informed Papen," the newspaper said, "that he still has good political contacts with several high United States functionaries and had been instructed to seek the possibilities of a compromise peace with the Allies through the United States."

New Japanese Forces Against Hengyang

CHUNGKING, June 30 (UP).—Bloody fighting continued yesterday in the outskirts of the encircled Hunan province railroad center of Hengyang, with the Chinese defenders maintaining all their positions, a communiqué announced tonight.

A Chinese military spokesman said three full Japanese divisions were attacking the city, at the junction of the Hankow-Canton and Hunan-Kwangsi railroads, and that two other enemy divisions were advancing southward along a 22-mile front east of Hengyang.

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's 14th U. S. Air Force holds air supremacy over the battle area and has inflicted enormous casualties, the spokesman said.

To the south Chinese troops closing in on the Japanese-held western Yunnan Province stronghold of Tengchung have cut all roads leading from the town except the one linking it to the Burma Road base at Pungling.

Italians, French Execute Nazis To Avenge Murder of Hostages

LONDON, June 30 (UP).—Italian and French patriots have started the formal execution of German soldiers in reprisal for the shooting of hostages and prisoners by enemy occupation forces, dispatches from Bern and Algiers said today.

Bern reported the execution of 100 German soldiers by Italian underground men in the Milan area as the result of the shooting of 10 prominent Milan hostages.

Algiers reported authoritatively that the French Forces of the Interior had shot the "first batch" of six German prisoners somewhere in France in reprisal for the German shooting of patriots they had captured.

Stockholm reported that, as part of the incipient revolt seething all over Europe against German rule, a general strike had started in Copenhagen.

From Ankara came a report that 1,400 Bulgarian partisans had killed 230 men of a German-Bulgarian force sent to round them up in the Bulgarian-Macedonian Mountains.

The Italian underground apparently was operating on a big scale.

Bern said that the patriots notified the German command that they would adopt its policy, which had been to shoot 10 innocent Italian hostages for every German soldier killed. Thus the patriots executed 100 Germans for the 10 Milan hostages. The patriots notified the German command of the executions, it was added, and said that the Germans were shot by firing squads, as soldiers, and not in the back as the

hostages were killed.



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Against a background of burning Japanese installations on the hillside, U. S. reinforcements of men and supplies pour in toward a beach on Saipan in the Marianas. Strong forces of planes and warships which have already blasted the enemy cover the landing.

The Veteran Commander

THE DEFENSIVE-OFFENSIVE BATTLE OF CAEN

THE battle of Caen (or the battle for the Orne, if you prefer) has been sensational and erroneously pictured as a major British offensive. Because of that a great number of people are disappointed by the course it is taking. As we pointed out before, this is a strategically defensive operation aimed at securing the left flank of our beachhead from a counterattack by massed German armor and infantry. The British are NOT "moving on Paris." All they seem to be after is the junction of Caen. One does not launch a major offensive for such stakes as Paris by squeezing oneself out of a long and flat beachhead like a "worm" of shaving-cream out of a tube.

The British are simply trying to prevent the Germans from entering the "tube." So far they appear to be succeeding.

However, there is something that is, frankly, not quite clear to us: Why is there no activity on our part west of Caumont (except for a small scale flare-up in the St. Lo sector)? Is it possible that we still need considerable forces for action against the cornered Germans on Cap de La Hague and Cap de Barfleur? If this is so, the action of the German commander at Cherbourg in refusing to order a general surrender of his troops is entirely justified. He pulled a fast and successful one.

Reports continue to come in that the Germans are moving reserves from Germany in the direction of Normandy. However, the communications between the Seine and the Loire have been thoroughly disrupted by the Allied Air Forces and the actions of the French armed underground. This means that the German reserves can come in only in dribs and drabs.

However, 24 days have already passed since the beginning of the invasion and 24 dribs and drabs can make a sizable force. Thus it would seem indicated that a second (and, maybe, a third) landing might be in the offing. Normandy is attracting a little too much attention on the part of the enemy.

THERE is nothing of importance to report from Italy where our troops continue to approach the "Gothic Line" against sporadic and slight opposition.

THE Red Army has cleared the Murmansk Railroad and the White Sea Canal by capturing Petrozavodsk and Kondopoga. With the capture of Vitebsk, Orsha, Mogilev and Zhlobin, a train will soon be able to run through from Murmansk to Odessa, via Leningrad, Vitebsk and Kiev (2,000 miles). Thus the "beam" of the Eastern Front has been restored and the freedom of maneuver and supply of the Red Army on all fronts will be still further enhanced.

Gen. Bagramian has cut the Polotsk-Moldachino railroad and is posing a distinct threat to Dvinsk.

Gen. Cherniakhovsky has reached the Berezina north of Borisov (precisely where Napoleon made his disastrous crossing on Nov. 27-28, 1812, at the village of Studyanka).

Gen. Zakharov is marching on Minsk directly from the west.

Marshal Rokossovsky (yes—it is Marshal from now on) is advancing swiftly in the direction of the great junction of Baranovichi which is in the rear of Minsk. The pocket near Bobruisk has been liquidated and the figures on German casualties are most interesting: For the first time in this war there are more prisoners than dead. This has never happened yet when a purely German army was involved. At Bobruisk there were no labor battalions and other non-combat units which could have swelled the numbers of prisoners; these were all first-line combat troops which lost 16,000 killed and 18,000 prisoners.

IN CHINA a Chinese counterblow appears to be developing against the flanks of the Japanese column moving south from captured (or isolated) Hengyang. Chungking calls it a "major counter-offensive." This remains to be seen.